



SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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SALEM POLICE INVESTIGATE REPORTED ROBBERY – MAKE ARRESTS

On August 16, 2010, Salem Police responded to a residence in the 700 block of Elizabeth Ave. in reference to a reported robbery. The victim, a 19-year-old who resided at that location, reported that sometime around midnight he met with a casual acquaintance and another subject who he only knew by a nickname. According to the victim, the suspects both produced handguns and robbed him of an undisclosed amount of currency. The victim was not injured and the suspects fled the residence on foot.

After an investigation, one of the suspects was identified and arrested on August 16, 2010.

He is Samuel Louis Coffey, age 18, of Salem. He was arrested without incident at a motel in Roanoke County at approximately 5:45am on August 16. He was taken to the Roanoke County/Salem Jail where he is being held without bond. Coffey is charged with:

- Armed Robbery
- Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony

Salem Police continued to investigate the incident and identified the second suspect on August 17. He is a 16-year-old juvenile from Roanoke. Petitions were obtained for that subject earlier today and he was charged with:

- Armed Robbery
- Use of a Firearm in the Commission of a Felony
- Brandishing a firearm (a misdemeanor)

The juvenile was arrested without incident shortly after 11am today in Roanoke with the assistance of the Roanoke City Police Department. He is being held at the Roanoke Detention Center.

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